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Protesters to DFAIT: Show us the text!

Devin Yuke

Twenty-seven protesters were arrested Monday during a democratic protest in view of the Prime Minister's private residence. After attempting to recover private documents they feel should be public, the protesters were dragged away by uniformed officers outside the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT).

Critics of the Free Trade Area of the Americas Agreement (FTAA) believe it is potentially harmful to the environment, labour practices, indigenous culture, and possibly even democracy itself. However, even Maude Barlow, Chairperson for the Council of Canadians and one of the most outspoken critics of the agreement, cannot say what exactly



David Creighton

One of the 27 protesters hauled off and arrested by police.

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Racism alive and well in K-W

Julian Ichim

On Friday, March 23, around 8:15pm, 25 ARA members and supporters entered the Holiday Inn on Fairway Road to disrupt an organizational meeting of far-right white supremacist organization Canadian Heritage Alliance. The talk featured Paul

Fromm, a far-right holocaust denier and anti-immigration organizer, as guest speaker. The CHA was attempting to bring together and unite right-wing racist elements in our community, including the "Canadian Ethnic Cleansing Team" and local skinhead group "Tri-City Skins", which were both invited to participate.

Members of ARA rushed the meeting room and began disrupting the event by verbally confronting neo-nazis, as well as taking pictures. Among those in attendance was Raphael Bergman, organizer of the homophobic "Straight Pride parade" in London, which is seen by anti-racists as an excuse for White "Racists" to disrupt and intimidate participants of the city's gay pride parade. Bergman is also suspected of links to various far-right white supremacist groups. After several hours of pushing and arguing, members of Waterloo Regional Police entered the premises, and forced ARA members on to the sidewalk, where they joined other demonstrators.

In a pamphlet that the ARA was circulat-

ing, they defended the militancy of their tactics by attempting to expose who these people are, and the violence that they have inflicted on our community. According to several leftist activists, the issue at stake here is not merely an issue of freedom of speech, but rather an issue of community defence. Within the Region of Waterloo, neo-nazis and white supremacists have had a history of organizing that usually ends in violence.

Since the 1930's, racists have been organizing in various ways. Swastika clubs and nazi defense organizations aimed at helping the fascist's war effort have flourished. After WWII, the bank account that was used to relocate Nazi war criminals was linked to our region. In the 1980's local white supremacists targeted people of color for attack and went as far as firebombing the bookstore of the local Marxist Leninist Party. In the early 1990's with the creation of the Heritage Front, White supremacists thought that they would try to portray themselves as a "civil

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DFAIT won't release position to public

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lurks behind the pages of the document that is only in the hands of a select few economic and political elite.

The draft for the text was locked away behind the glass double-doors of DFAIT. The protesters wanted it, but had to get past the police first.

"In the name of democracy and of the fundamental right of all Canadian citizens to know what our government is negotiating on our behalf, we are here to demand that we be provided with the complete version of the draft texts of the Free Trade Area of the Americas." This was each protester's mantra as they climbed the barricade into police custody. Many of those risking arrest that day were optimistic.

"Yeah, I'm worried a little," stated one protester, calm enough to impress a Zen master, "but the positive energy here makes a huge difference."

Said another, "We live on this planet, and everything is affected by this (FTAA), so I have a responsibility to do what I can to stop it."

Even the police were impressed by the politeness by the demonstrators.

"I just had a great conversation with a cop," one confided. "They think a lot of people out there (on the street) agree with what we're doing."

Many of the democratic protesters felt an empathy towards the police as well.

"We have to remember that these (police and RCMP officers) are people too," said



David Creighton

Behind the barricades at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Louis, a 21 year old web designer. "They have jobs just like any of us and they have to support their families." He was quick to point out that "they should be helping us, though, because their jobs and their lives are just as affected by this as ours are."

The experience of solidarity was an important factor at this protest. Bread was passed freely about the crowd and was shared by all. The support for those entering police custody was also overwhelming, as one

watched police attempting to subdue protesters amidst cries of "the whole world is watching".

After their release, many of the protesters felt optimistic about the day. Returning to a hero's welcome outside the police station one student said he felt "totally stellar. I learned so much about activism (in custody). I was amazed at the level of respect and support that people have for one another."



Nevine Sedki

A media circus — many of the democratic demonstrators had difficulty reaching the barrier through the corporate media blitz.

Anti-racist action

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rights" group for whites claiming that they only believed in "White Pride" and wanted to be treated as any other such group. However this lie wore thin with the invitation of holocaust denier David Irving to speak, and the attack on a Jewish storeowner by a local neo-nazi affiliated with the Heritage Front. Soon firebombs began to go off, leaving activist Mona Zentner without a home.

The ARA's action on Friday March 23 was a continuation of the struggle for racial equality, and ending bigotry in Waterloo Region.

Canadian Auto Workers headed to Quebec for April 20-22

Eleanor Grant

Members of Canadian Auto Workers Local 1524 and 1451, representing over 5000 K-W workers, are organizing a bus to travel to Quebec City to protest against the FTAA. Here at home, union reps Roger Lee and Sharon Mitic are visiting our three local MPs with their concerns about the expansion of so-called free trade.

"Everything will be to the advantage of the Americans, it's not good for Canada," said Lee, President of Local 1451. A leaflet distributed by the CAW explains:

"The FTAA will not be free trade. All the American protectionist measures still apply; just ask a PEI potato grower, a BC softwood lumber worker, or an Ontario steelworker. International agreements like the FTAA are instruments of US policy. US corporations want the right to be treated as a corporate

citizen of every other FTAA country. Accepting the FTAA means facilitating US dominance.

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"Canada has traditionally avoided taking sides in disputes within the Americas.

Now that we are playing a role, why should it be to act as the surrogate for the US? Canadian history, our economic structure, and policy needs suggest that we have much in common with Caribbean and Latin American nations. We need to establish a development model that serves citizens' needs."

The CAW points out that Canada has been forced by World Trade Organization tribunals to abandon major policies put in place by our elected governments. Five major affected areas have been the Auto Pact, magazine publishing, drug patents, aerospace industry subsidies, and dairy marketing boards.

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The CAW is circulating a post card to mail to Pierre Pettigrew, and a video called *The Whole World Is Watching*.

Toronto-Dominion Bank financing the destruction of our rainforests

TD has stated that they will not take ethical considerations into account when making investment decisions

Eleanor Grant

Forest Action Network, www.fanweb.org, based in British Columbia, is calling on supporters to target the TD bank for its financial support of environmentally destructive practices. Speakers at WLU on April 5 suggested listeners should take their money out of TD branches and switch to credit unions, cut up their TD cards and mail to the bank president, hand out leaflets at TD branches, or engage in street theatre and harassment tactics like asking to withdraw one hundred pennies. April 11 was named as a day of action for this event, although this campaign will continue past this date. A

sample press release for the day suggested an occupation of the Bank by people dressed as grizzly bears and dead salmon.

"TD Bank is one of the largest investors in International Forest Products and West Fraser Timber Ltd., two of the worst forest destroyers on the planet," according to a leaflet distributed by FAN at the meeting. "TD Mutual Funds own over \$23 million of direct shares in Interfor and West Fraser. Henry H. Ketchum III, President and CEO of West Fraser Timber, sits on the Board of Directors of TD Bank. TD has stated that they will not take ethical considerations into account when making investment decisions."

Some K-W supporters plan to go to BC for an activist training workshop in May. Those wishing more info can contact WPIRG at 888-4882.

**TD KILLS
RAINFORESTS**
www.fanweb.org

Forest Action Network
Campaigning to Save the Great Bear Rainforest



You're not welcome in Quebec

Greg Macdougall

With the upcoming Summit of the Americas in Quebec City, a major focus in the media has been around the extreme 'security' measures being put in place by the police. These measures do warrant serious attention, as they threaten peoples' right to democracy. However, much of the attention they receive is thanks at least in part to the efforts of the police to advertise their intentions.

Will police succeed in scaring people from even coming?

The police efforts to protect political leaders and corporate CEOs from the voices of the people include a fenced-off exclusion zone, into which only those with police passes will be granted entry. The area covers 34 city blocks, seemingly one for each of the participating countries.

As well, 6000 police (composed of RCMP, QPP, and municipal forces) will be on hand to control the violence that is being

planned by some of the protestors. That's the official line, that legitimizes the suspension of the protestors' rights. However, past experience has shown that there is very little violence or vandalism perpetrated by protestors, and that it is the police who tend to be the aggressors.

The police have announced that they are adding plastic bullets to their arsenal this time around, to complement the tear gas, pepper spray, and other methods they use to suppress dissent — plastic bullets that were outlawed by the entire European Parliament in 1982.

They are actively sending out the message that if you're coming to Quebec to 'cause trouble' you're going to be in trouble. They've made it widely known to non-Canadians that they will be turned away at our borders. The implied message through all of this — don't bother.



Police fearmongering — intimidating people into not expressing their democratic views — is an undemocratic use of their power. A protest held April 5th in Toronto at the meeting of the 34 nations' finance ministers was described as being successful from all standpoints by an RCMP spokesperson. The police outnumbered protestors two to one, and the peace was kept. How safe did the 350 or so protestors feel as they exercised their right to express their opinions?

Naomi Klein has written a letter in consultation with the Canadian Civil Liberties Union, Clayton Ruby, and Sarah Polley, drawing attention to how police have "set the stage for excessive use of force by police officers" and that "it is democracy itself that is marginalized." It is being circulated through the Internet to gather signatures and will be publicly released on April 13.

Quebec prosecutors are threatening to resign from an eight-member team responsible for prosecuting the protestors who get rounded up by police. They do not want to participate in the "plan of battle" to hold them in jail, delaying all bail hearings by three days, as directed by the provincial justice minister.

If enough attention is brought to the way the police are being used by the powers that be to silence dissent, and thereby democracy, through violence and intimidation, perhaps they won't be so intimidating, and perhaps would-be protestors will not be scared into staying home. Only time will tell.



The section of Quebec City off-limits to everyone not issued an entry pass by police.

Free trade for whom?

Honduran speaks out on Free Trade in the Americas

Kevin Smith

On Monday, April 2, a crowd gathered at St Peter's Lutheran Church in downtown Kitchener to hear Berta Caceres, an activist and leader among the Lenca people in La Esperanza, Honduras. She has experienced free trade, impoverishment and repression in Honduras firsthand. She spoke about her experiences dealing with these issues, and community economic development alternatives that formed from them.

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She, along with activist Dan Fireside, who works in the Guatemala office of Rights Action, are on a speaking tour of Alberta, the Maritimes, and southern Ontario that will culminate in Quebec City April 15-21, 2001, during the "Summit of the Americas" when leaders from across the Americas will meet to discuss the "Free" Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

Of special note in the talk were the "free" economic development models entrenched in the Americas (through pressure from organizations the World Bank and International Monetary Fund), that systematically violate the economic and social rights of millions of people, and that contribute directly to violations of political and civil rights. These very same policies, which require privatization of government assets, and opening borders to transnational corporations, are carried even further with agreements like the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

Summit of the Americas

From April 20-22, the heads of government of every country in the Western Hemisphere except Cuba will come together at the

Summit of the Americas in Quebec City, Canada. Representatives of 34 countries in North, South, and Central America, and the Caribbean will be protected by metal fences and the largest police deployment in Canadian history. The goal of their meeting will be to put together the Free Trade Area of the Americas Agreement (FTAA). The goal of this agreement will be to increase privatization and deregulation and make it even easier for imperialist exploitation throughout the hemisphere.

The FTAA will cause profound changes for millions. But government officials have avoided much public discussion of the FTAA. Negotiations have gone on in secret. Government officials and representatives of corporations and financial institutions have been deeply involved in developing the agreement. With rising anti-globalization protests around the world, governments fear that the more people know about the FTAA, the more it too will become the target of broad opposition and protest.

Despite the attempts to keep it quiet, activists have dug up a lot of information on what the FTAA will mean, and determined resistance to it is rising. Thousands of students, environmentalists, trade unionists, anti-imperialists, anarchists, AIDS activists, revolutionary communists, and others from both Canada and the U.S.—including many veterans of anti-globalization battles in Seattle, Windsor, Washington, DC and Prague—are planning to go to Quebec to protest the summit. Other actions are planned on both the Canadian and Mexican borders, as well as many cities in the U.S. and in South America.

Details on the FTAA

The FTAA is based on NAFTA, as well as elements of WTO (World Trade Organization) treaties, and the failed Multilateral Agreement on Investments (MAI). The major areas the agreement will cover are agriculture, services, investment, dispute settlement, intellectual property rights, subsidies and anti-dumping, competition policy, government procurement, and market access.

Essentially, the FTAA will increase the ability of capital and goods to move across borders without any kind of hindrance or tariffs. Capital will flow rapidly in and out of countries to wherever the quickest and highest profit can be found. Health, safety, labor

and environmental protections will be undermined or eliminated. Corporations will be allowed to sue governments for money—on the basis that certain laws (for example zoning laws against toxic waste dumps) prevent foreign corporations from making a profit.

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FTAA will mean capitalist businesses can freely relocate without penalty or cost. Relocation will be used as a threat against workers to try to smash organization and resistance. This will increase competition between workers in different countries, driving wages down in all countries. Services like health care, education and even access to drinking water will be opened to privatization, putting them under the control of the "free market" – in other words, to be bought up by corporations to make profit. And the FTAA will expand the patenting of seeds, native agriculture, and even genes of indigenous peoples, turning them into commodities owned and sold by capitalist business for profit.

Many claims are being made about the FTAA, but only when the texts are released will we have any idea what impact this secret agreement will have on the rights of Canadians, and those in the rest of the Americas.

For a complete guide to what the FTAA will mean, visit the Action for Community and Ecology in the Regions of Central America Web site at www.acerca.org and follow the link to "Green Paper #3 — Freedoms that are Abolished."

Or link directly to the "Understanding the Free Trade Area of the Americas" at www.acerca.org/ftaa/index.htm

Brewster Kneen speaks on our food supply

Noted author proposes locally grown organic food, free for everyone

Eleanor Grant

Imagine a future in which good, locally grown organic food would be provided free for everyone through the country's health care budget. At the supermarket checkout you would swipe your health card to pay for your essential, healthy foods. Then, if you wanted coffee, paper towels, etc., you would pay your own money for that.

This was Brewster Kneen's vision when he was asked, after his Jan. 29 lecture at Kitchener City Hall, "What would you do if you became Prime Minister, to make sure that everyone in Canada has good food to eat?"

Kneen, a long-time food activist, publishes the monthly magazine *The Ram's Horn* and has written many books on agribusiness, including *From Land to Mouth* and *Farmageddon.. Farmageddon*, dealing with genetically modified crops, was the subject of the evening's lecture, attended by over 100 people. He was invited to Kitchener by the recently-formed K-W Food Action group.

Bovine Growth Hormone

Kneen began his talk with some history. Bovine Growth Hormone, marketed by Monsanto in the early 1990's, was the first big biotech issue faced by Canadian farmers. It promised to greatly increase each cow's yield of milk - but it was soon found to lead to disease and shortened lives for the cows.

Agriculture Canada was under so much industry pressure to approve BGH that scientists questioning its safety were removed from their positions and have been involved in a years-long struggle to get their jobs back.

Kneen used the example of BGH to illustrate the deception that actually lies behind the introduction of biotech and its resultant harm to society.

Farmers Misled

Kneen, who had an NRC grant to study "technological determinism", interviewed dairy farmers at the time about their reaction to the marketing of BGH.

Farmers, he found, perceived new technologies as just "dropping from the sky", a given, like the weather, that they have to adapt to as best they can. Technology is not questioned -- it's just there. "I have to buy into

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this new thing just to stay competitive, whether I like it or not," each farmer thinks. Who has time to ask who the real winners are?

But technologies, Kneen asserts, are not just random events. They are deliberately introduced in order to create profit opportunities for big corporations. If the result is that every farmer has to purchase more inputs just to produce approximately what he was producing before, what has the farmer gained? More of the consumer's food dollar is being diverted to the suppliers of the new technologies, leaving the farmer wondering why he has less income with every passing year.

We need a new mentality, according to Kneen - a mentality that asks of each new

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technology, "*What is the problem that this is meant to solve?*" *Cows were giving enough milk before.* If it wasn't broken, why are we fixing it?

Golden Rice - Golden Scam

Turning to the present-day problem of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), Kneen gave the example of "Golden Rice", now being marketed in slick TV commercials by Monsanto, as a solution to world hunger. "Golden Rice" is modified to contain beta-carotene, supposedly to combat vitamin A deficiency in cultures with a rice-based diet.

"It's all a PR scam," said Kneen. "It would take them 5 years to get it out of the lab. Ask yourself, What was the problem for which this is supposed to be the solution. There wasn't one. Just as with BGH, Monsanto just wanted a product to sell."

As for vitamin A deficiency, he said, it would be better solved by letting local people go back to growing a diversity of greens, as they used to do before the monoculture of rice was introduced, Kneen said.

Now, Golden Rice is supposed to solve a problem that the corporation's activities produced in the first place.

GMOs a Failure

But the ag corporations never seem to give up, despite their many failures to introduce a successful and marketable GMO. First there was the "Flavor Saver" tomato, introduced by Calgene to have a longer shelf life. (Remember the Arctic char fish gene?) It had a long shelf life, all right, but was so flavourless it was inedible.

Somewhat more successful has been Monsanto's line of "Round-Up-Ready" canola, soy beans, corn, and cotton. These crops are genetically modified to be more herbicide tolerant so that, theoretically, the farmer can keep the weeds down and produce a more abundant crop.

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Kneen sees no good reason to mess with our food

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But the results have been disappointing—for the farmer that is. Yields have actually dropped; only the sale of Round-Up has increased exponentially! Whose problem has this product solved???

Another type of GMO that has actually made it to farmers' fields in Canada is BT potatoes and BT corn. These crops contain a toxin introduced from bacteria that live in the soil, intended to make them more resistant to pests. If successful, farmers would have to use less pesticide, which sounds good.

The CBC National news has promoted BT crops as “good science but bad public relations” because consumers won't buy potatoes which are genetically modified. McCain has refused to buy any more BT potatoes because of consumer misgivings about their safety. Companies are afraid of being sued. As Kneen put it, “why should McCain assume a liability for Monsanto?”

As for these products' ability to actually reduce the use of pesticides, Kneen is skeptical. They resist certain pests, he said, but the reduced use of pesticides only lasts a year or two.

What is most disturbing about the story is the way in which the CBC used the example of BT potatoes, as if to imply that *all* GMOs were intended to reduce harmful pesticides—something which consumers want. To whom is our “public” broadcaster really answering?

Investors Antsy

Where the money will come from for continued genetic research is in fact becoming a serious problem for the corporations, according to Kneen. Recently Deutsche Bank has started advising investors not to put any more money into biotech, because it has never produced anything or made a profit. The bloom is off the rose, as it is now with the dot com craze.

In the last 5 years, there has been a massive consolidation of the food business, and companies are trying to offload their biotech branches. Fear of exposure to legal liability is a big factor, as was illustrated by the Star-Link corn fiasco of 1999. Genetically modified corn intended for cattle feed ended up in Taco Bell shells, and a whole line of

product had to be recalled. This makes people wonder why it was OK to feed the corn to the cattle!

Biological Warfare?

In fact, according to Kneen, most GMOs are far from benign. He quoted a *New Scientist* report on a GMO experiment in a field in Australia, in which a virus was accidentally released into the environment and killed all the mice in the surrounding area. (The virus had been intended to carry a form of birth control for the mice.)

Kneen went on to say that experiments like these could actually lead to the development of biological warfare, which could allow companies like Monsanto to cash in on massive defence spending.

Human Drugs

Just in case you were beginning to think the danger was passing, Kneen said, these companies are further expanding their research in the Third World, where there is less fear of lawsuits. And even worse, the same people who failed to produce one viable GM crop are moving into the field of human drugs. Having flopped at modifying relatively simple plants, they now want to start

modifying people.

According to Kneen, governments are proving just as toothless when it comes to stopping illegal activities by drug companies as they were at regulating Bovine Growth Hormone and GM crops. When federal research labs and inspection agencies are industry lapdogs, consumers cannot have much confidence that their welfare is being protected.

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We need a new mentality, he concluded, a mentality that “we want to live here and eat food that's good for us, that grows here.” He says that it's time to tell the multinationals to stop interfering with our food and our farm economy.

Saskatchewan Farmer Takes on Monsanto

Kevin Smith

Percy Schmeiser, a farmer from Bruno, Saskatchewan, was just planting his canola, in the same way he'd done for 40 years. Little did he know that his crop was being cross-pollinated with Monsanto's Round-Up-Ready Canola.

If that wasn't bad enough, Monsanto informed him that he must pay their Technology Fee. When he refused, they went to court, in a classic David and Goliath confrontation.

Monsanto's claims were upheld by the Federal Court of Canada, but Percy Schmeiser vows to continue the fight.

“In my case, I never had anything to do

with Monsanto, outside of buying chemicals. I never signed a contract. If I would go to St. Louis and contaminate their plots—destroy what they have worked on for 40 years—I think I would be put in jail and the key thrown away,” Schmeiser says.

Since the trial wrapped up in June, 2000, Percy has spoken at seed conferences in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, New Zealand and the United States. He has also met with numerous government representatives to discuss his case.

You can read more about it at the following Web sites:

www.percyschmeiser.com

www.tv.cbc.ca/national/pgminfo/canola/



Aylwin Lo

The first Critical Mass bike ride of the year took place Friday, March 30, at 4:30pm, with an estimated 40 two-wheeled menaces trekking from Seagram and University to Kitchener City Hall.

The journey began with introductions, some pictures, and participants sharing stories of harassment and insults from four-

wheeled drivers. Motorized traffic responded with a few blaring horns as the cyclists merged with traffic, but they soon took over a lane of traffic on University Avenue. Met with many supportive cheers from bikers, pedestrians, and some residents standing on their front porch, many of the participants added to the festive mood by ringing bells, tooting horns, waving and cheering.

There were even some appreciative honks from smiling drivers. Curious looks were also abundant, and only one or two drivers went to the effort of lowering their windows to offer a derisive comment.

Critical Mass bike rides will continue throughout the summer (and, hopefully, throughout the winter), on the last Friday of every month at 4:30. The meeting spot is the Southwest corner of Seagram and University—just look for the group of non-polluting ambulatory devices.

INDY ON THE MOVE

Mike Burt

"The process of revolution is not that of storming the seats of power, but of creating the environment where the popular notions of society, power, and legitimacy shift out from underneath those seats of power. Indymedia is a vehicle through which the ideological basis of present power structures can be subverted."

— Evan Henshaw Plath, Indymedia Tech Collective

Independent Media Centres are volunteer run, autonomous local centres of media production, distribution and training. In Waterloo, we put out the newspaper you are holding in your hands and participate in the Ontario.indymedia.org site. We also help with IMC video screenings such as the recent showings of "This is What Democracy Looks Like" on the famous protests in Seattle in November of 1999 against the World Trade Organization. We are also busy organizing to bring a team to the upcoming anti-FTAA convergence in Quebec City. In early May, the media revolution will continue in K-W with a showing of "Storm from the Mountain" on the recent Zapatista journey from the mountains of Chiapas to the heart of state power in Mexico City.

Not only does indymedia provide alternative media, it seeks to challenge and transform the way we think about media. Indymedia breaks down the walls between the producers and consumers of media, in the desire of making everyone a reporter, a videographer or columnist. Don't complain about the media; be the media.

IMC-Waterloo is a part of a global network of indymedia activists, sharing passion, resources, projects and tech know-how. We have also made regional alliances after meeting with members of six other IMCs earlier in March in Troy, near Albany New York earlier this March. As well as Waterloo, DC and NYC are also putting out their own newspapers. Also, the Global collective will have ready-to-print papers available on a website sometime soon.

Join the media (r)evolution, by contacting us at ontario@indymedia.org

BlindSpot is made available at many locations throughout the KW area. An effort is made to ensure copies are always available at: WPIRG (University of Waterloo Student Life Centre, 2nd Floor) Thnx 4 the \$\$\$! The Working Centre (43 Queen St, Kitchener); Moody Blues Book Cafe (68 Regina St N, Waterloo); K W Bookstore (306 King St W, Kitchener); and Old Goat Books (99 King St N, Waterloo).

Activist Calendar

THURS. APRIL 12, 7:00

Kitchener City Hall: Workshop on Poverty.
(info: mj2patte@fes.uwaterloo.ca)

WED. APRIL 18, 7:00

43 Queen: Barterworks Annual General Mtg

WED. APRIL 18, 7:30

58 Queen: Get Rid Of Urban Pesticides

APRIL 17 - 19

QUEBEC: People's Summit

APRIL 20 - 22

QUEBEC: Summit of the Americas

SAT. APRIL 21

Local events in support of Quebec
from 11:00 to 3:00, Kitchener City Hall,
including a walking tour of downtown leaving at
12:00. (info: davistef@enoreo.on.ca)

SUN. APRIL 22

Earth Day

MON. APRIL 23, 7:30

404 Dutton Dr: KW Field Naturalists

WED. APRIL 25, 7:30

58 Queen: Ontario Coalition Against Poverty
(phone 220-2159 to confirm)

THURS. APRIL 26, 7:30

58 Queen: Independent Media - Print meeting

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Kitchener City Hall: Workshop on Poverty.
(info: mj2patte@fes.uwaterloo.ca)

SAT. APRIL 28, 11:00

Victoria Park near the pavilion:
Day of Mourning observance for workers
killed or injured on the job

SAT. APRIL 28, 1:00 - 3:00

ARC (King & Allen): Transport 2000
presentation on Inner-City Rail

TUES. MAY 1

May Day

TUES. MAY 1, 7:00

43 Queen: Independent Media meeting

THURS. MAY 3, 7:00

43 Queen S.: 7 Generations Network
(local environmental sustainability)

SUN. MAY 6, 11:00 - 4:00

Waterloo Park: Dandelion Festival